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SUBJECT: LULL IN SAUDI-OMANI BORDER NEGOTIATIONS

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SUMMARY. BASED ON OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH OMANI OFFICIALS, IT WOULD APPEAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT SAUDIALUOMANI EXCHANGES ON BORDER QUESTIONS SINCE JANUARY TALKS IN LONDON WITH KAMAL ADHAM. OMANIS ARE TAKING NO INITIATIVES AND SEEM HAPPY LET THINGS REST WHERE THEY ARE. END SUMMARY.

1. FONMIN ZAWAWI INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR APRIL 3 THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON QUESTION OF SAUDI BORDER STEELEMMENT. HE INDICATED IT MIGHT HAVE COME UP AGAIN HAD PRINCE FAHD VISITED OMAN AS EXPECTED DURING LATE FEBRUARY OR MARCH, BUT GIVEN PRESENT SAUDI PREOCCUPATON WITH OTHER MATTERS IN WAKE OF KING FAISAL'S DEATH, EARLY VISIT UNLIKELY. FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY AL-ALAWI RECENTLY TOLD DCM FLATLY THAT BORDER TALKS HAVE BEEN SHELVED.

2. IN RECENT CALL ON SAYYID TARIK BIN TAIMUR, SULTAN'S UNCLE AND PERSONAL ADVISER, AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD TARIK HAD NOT LONG
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AGO DECLINED SUGGESTION BY QABOOS THAT HE MEET WITH KAMAL

ADHAM, PRINCE FAHD OR "WHOEVER IT TAKES" TO WORK OUT SUITABLE BORDER ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THEN COULD BE PUT TO TWO RULERS. TARIK CLAIMS HE DEMURRED, TELLING SULTAN HE WAS NOT THE MAN FOR WORKING OUT COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE HE BELIEVES SAUDI CLAIMS HAVE LITTLE OR NO BASIS, THAT ARAMCO RATHER THAN SAG ITSELF IS PUSHING THIS MATTER, AND IT WOULD BE BETTER LET THINGS LIE. TARIK ALSO IS OBVIOUSLY MIFFED BY FACT SAUDIS IN THEIR 1974 AGREEMENT WITH SHAYKH ZAYID ALSO ATTEMPTED TO DICTATE OMAN-ABU DHABI BOUNDARY.

3. COMMENT. WHILE WE HAVE NO REASON DOUBT THESE ACCOUNTS, THEY TAKE NO HEED OF EVER-PRESENT POSSIBILITY THAT SULTAN MAY BE HAVING HIS SPECIAL ADVISER GHASSAN SHAKIR COOK UP SOME ARRANGEMENT THROUGH HIS OWN SAUDI CONTACT THAT WOULD RESULT IN EARLIER ACTION ON THIS ISSUE THAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OR SAYYID TARIK FORSEE.
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